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NEW PROJECTS PROMISE WORK FOR LABORERS

Several proposed new projects, including highway surfacing and a new fire station, give promise of adding to the employment opportunities of Laborers Union 272 in Salinas, Business Agent J. B. McGinley reports.

Included are:

New fire department sub-station to serve the North Salinas area, on West Laurel St. near North Main St., contract awarded to Contractor Jack Barrow of Salinas at \$31,380.12.

Two road projects near Moss Landing, one for \$87,860 for improvement to the Old Toll Road in the Elkhorn Slough, Edward Keeble, of San Jose, contractor; the other at \$33,707 for re-surfacing of the Watsonville highway from Moss Landing to the Watsonville airport, Leo F. Piazza Co. of San Jose, contractor.

Addition of two more highway lanes on Highway 101 between Spence underpass and Chualar, a \$513,377 project under direction of the Fredrickson & Watson Corp. of San Francisco.

In addition, McGinley said, Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville is starting a sanitary sewer project on Sanborn Road between the railroad tracks and East Alisel St.

Carp. Council Urges Uniform Initiation Fee

Uniformity in initiation fees and dues for all local unions affiliated is the aim of the Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters, which was to hold its April meeting in Watsonville on Tuesday night of this week.

President Harvey Baldwin of the district council said the council has recommended \$100 as the initiation fee for the unions in Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey and King City. Boost of 50 cents per month in dues is suggested also.

Three unions already have endorsed the uniform dues idea, Baldwin said. Santa Cruz, Salinas and King City unions have informed him of approval.

If the uniform fee schedule is adopted, an amendment to the by-laws of the district council will be necessary, he added.

Curtis Publishing

Last year the profits of the Curtis Publishing Co., which runs the Saturday evening Post and the Ladies' Home Journal, totaled \$6.2 million. That's \$1 million more than its 1949 profits.

Teamsters Ready For Big Road Check

Final plans for the National Teamsters Checking Campaign, May 13 to 18 inclusive, were approved by the Over-the-Road Trade Division meeting last weekend in Chicago.

More than 400 delegates attended the general conference of the Over-the-Road Division March 30, which followed three days of policy sessions. The delegates at the Chicago meetings which were held at the Palmer House:

1. Set the dates of the 1951 checking campaign and developed and approved detailed plans for procedures to be followed this year.

2. Heard addresses on the Interstate Commerce Commission and



AFL AUTHOR.—Emil Dionne has been a member of Spokane, Wash., Local 238 of the AFL Hod Carriers and Building Laborers Union since 1926. He is as adept with words as with tools, having two novels to his credit. First one was "Men of Destiny." Latest is "War Casualty," a novel of a veteran of both wars and his family. (LPA)

GREEN, SMITH VISIT MASONS OF THIS AREA

Al Green, prominent Modesto building trades union leader, and Jack Smith, international representative for the Plasterers and Cement Masons, have been attending meetings of unions in Santa Cruz, Salinas and Monterey in an effort to work out new contracts and local agreements.

Green was in Santa Cruz and Salinas to confer with union officials in regard negotiations for a new northern California agreement covering cement masons, according to B. G. Burgner, representative of Salinas Plasterers & Cement Masons 763.

Smith has been negotiating a local agreement on working conditions and cooperation between Salinas Local 763 and Monterey Local 336 of cement masons. Details will be announced later.

Fox Theater Janitors Win Wage Increase

Janitors in the Fox West Coast Theaters chain of northern California won an increase of \$1.00 per day in wages plus a welfare plan to be paid for by employers at the rate of 27½ cents per day, but only after a short picket action last Saturday.

Pickets appeared briefly before theaters in various cities, but were withdrawn shortly afterward when word was received of the contract settlement. Janitors in Golden State and Nasser chains had won the increase previously after two weeks of picketing.

Labor Seeking Candidates for School Election

Steps were considered last week by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas to find and run pro-labor candidates for various school board posts which will be open during the May elections in the Salinas area.

Council Secretary Alfred J. Clark said Teachers Union 1020 had suggested that the school positions were opening and urged that labor-sponsored candidates be selected and supported.

Letters of protest against three proposed "hot cargo" bills before the state legislature were sent by Clark to Assemblyman James Silliman and Senator Fred Weybret. The bills, which would try to wreck all labor unions, are AB 2921, AB 3223 and SB 1228.

At the council meeting, Carpenters Union 925 reported officially that wages for union carpenters will be increased on April 30 by 10 per cent, making the new scale \$2.39 per hour, and that provision had been made for opening the agreement again on September 1, in event wage restrictions are softened.

Roofers Union 50 informed the council that work for this craft has slowed down and several men are out of work.

Carpenter Wage Is \$2.39 Hourly Effective Apr. 30

Beginning Monday, April 30, union carpenters will receive an hourly wage of \$2.39, it was announced last week following ratification by the Wage Stabilization Board of a wage agreement between various carpenter unions and the Associated General Contractors of Central and Northern California.

The increase amounts to 10 per cent, or 21½¢, above the present wage scale of \$2.17½. Local union representatives participated in the lengthy negotiations for the increase.

Foremen on jobs will continue to receive 25¢ per hour additional, the foreman scale becoming \$2.64 per hour.

Some Idle Men In Local 925

Salinas Carpenters Union 925 reports about 30 members out of work and urges that unemployed carpenters stay away from Salinas area. Harvey Baldwin, union business agent, reports that some projects are winding up and that new work, while expected to be sufficient to clear the union of unemployed members, is not enough to provide jobs for any newcomers to the area.

Work Improves For Painters

Union painters in the Monterey area have been busy since the weather cleared and allowed projects to get into full swing, according to Business Agent James L. Bolin of Monterey Painters Union 272.

Bolin reports that all available members are employed and that the work prospects are bright for some time to come. No more men are needed, however, he adds.

NLRB Orders Polls In Building Trades

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The National Labor Relations Board for the first time in its 16-year history ordered union shop and representation elections in the building industry over the objections of eight AFL building trades unions.

The action threw a new monkey wrench in the already snafued defense mobilization as the prospect of bargaining and union shop elections at every

defense plant and some site in the nation threatened long delays in actual construction.

It took the board almost four years to decide under the Taft-Hartley Act that it would assume jurisdiction over the two million workers in the industry. Former General Counsel Robert N. Denham tried a policy of elections two years ago and failed.

The NLRB indicated that it would ask Congress for more funds to carry out this task if its decision is to start a flood of election petitions in the thousands of construction activities all across the country.

The five members said that Congress clearly wanted the board to assume full jurisdiction over the industry when it passed the Taft-Hartley Act in 1947.

NOT INTERSTATE
In the 12 years that the board operated under the Wagner Act it customarily did not assert jurisdiction over the building industry. The field was considered by members to be a collection of individual jobs not involving interstate commerce.

Even under the Taft-Hartley Act, the board's former general counsel, Robert N. Denham, argued that its election machinery could not handle the burden, and that it was unrealistic to assume active control of the building trades. The board gradually took jurisdiction, however, and the present counsel, George J. Bott, concurred in the agency's stand.

Specifically, the NLRB ordered an election among 22 companies in the Plumbing Contractors Association of Baltimore to determine whether the workers seek representation by the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, AFL.

ONE UNION FACT?
The agency also directed a union shop poll among plumbers employed by five companies in the Plumbing Contractors Association of Olean, N. Y. The men will vote on whether to authorize Local 500 of the Plumbers Union to negotiate a union shop contract.

Eight other AFL unions—all members of the Building and Construction Trades Department—opposed the election orders. They argued that the board would be "inundated" by similar election requests.

Bartenders Fight 'Hot Cargo' Bills

Salinas Bartenders Union 545 joined with other organizations last week to send letters of protest to Assemblyman James Silliman and Senator Fred Weybret, urging them to vote against three "hot cargo" bills which would destroy the union labor movement in the state.

Union Secretary Alfred J. Clark said letters have been sent against AB 2921, AB 3223 and SB 1228.

At last week's meeting of the union, two bartenders were accepted into membership. They are Gale Fischer, employed at Mac's Cafe, and Louis Infelise, employed at the Aero Club.

SALINAS VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT URGED

A \$15,000,000 flood control and water storage project for the Salinas river basin has received approval of a State Assembly committee and is awaiting further action by the legislators, according to Business Agent James B. McGinley of Laborers Union 272.

McGinley said the project includes construction of a 375,000 acre-feet capacity reservoir at a proposed site two miles south of San Lucas, the reservoir to extend to the present San Ardo bridge.

Funds would include \$2,500,000 from the state, \$7,500,000 from the federal government, and \$5,000,000 to be raised by a bond issue in the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Bill for the project was submitted by Assemblyman James Silliman.

Roberts Housing Funds Requested

Steps were taken by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors last week to secure Federal funds for construction of "emergency" housing in the southern part of the county, near Camp Roberts.

The Monterey County Housing Authority was instructed to submit the application for the housing project of 500 units.

Meanwhile, the Housing Authority, of which Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Salinas Laborers Union 272 is a member, has approved asbestos siding bids for housing projects at Camp McCallum and Camp Soledad. Western Asbestos Co. will furnish the material at charge of \$17,889 for Camp McCallum and \$7845 for the Soledad unit.

Monterey Labor Fights Rent Move

Efforts of realtors and rental interests to have the Monterey City Council take government controls off rents in Monterey are being opposed by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

At last week's meeting, the council instructed Royal E. Hallmark, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, to represent the labor movement at a rent de-control hearing on April 26.

LABOR NEWS ON THE AIR

DAILY, 10:15 p.m.—FRANK EDWARDS, A. F. of L. News Analyst, Mutual Broadcasting network (see local paper for station near you).

TUESDAY, 5:15 p.m.—Bill Pedigo, News Editor, San Jose Union Gazette, Station KSJO (1590 kc.), San Jose.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Homer Coley, 1393 E. Market St., phone 2-1868; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec. Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:00 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, 915 W. Laurel Dr., phone 2-3273; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozois, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, 915 W. Laurel Dr., phone 2-3273; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozois, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

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LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

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LAUNDRY WORKERS 238—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec. Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6203.

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PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec. Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

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Big Boys Still Say Soak Poor

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Assn. of Manufacturers continue their campaign for a federal sales tax.

The Chamber of Commerce and the NOM want to shift the fair share of the tax burden of big business onto your shoulders. Here are recent developments in the soak-the-poor drive:

1. The chamber of Commerce thinks 60 per cent of the \$10 billion increase in taxes asked by Pres. Truman should come from excise taxes (federal sales taxes). Thirty per cent should come from personal income levies and only ten per cent from taxes on big business, it says. You see how the C. of C. tax ideas would make life easier for big business and tougher for you.

2. Speaking in Des Moines Feb. 16, NAM Pres. William Ruffin declared a consumption tax (federal sales tax) is "the key to any sound system of pay-as-we-go taxation."

Rent Bill Helpful Only Until June 30

The House passed a weak rent control extension bill March 19 which will protect tenants in controlled areas only until June 30. The Senate approved the measure March 13.

But the extension isn't strong enough and the real estate lobby already is fighting every effort to defeat a strong rent bill after June 30.

Congressional action will keep controls on where they already exist. But towns and cities can take them off between now and June 30. There will not be controls where they do not now exist. So if controls are lifted in any city, they cannot be put back on—no matter high how rents climb.

Are you listening to Frank Edwards, AFL radio commentator?

Midwest Co-op Wipes Out Deficit, Earns \$1 Million

Minneapolis (LPA)—Midland Co-operative Wholesale—which serves 300,000 persons in the upper Midwest—is back on its feet. It wiped out a 1949 deficit, caused by a squeeze by large petroleum producers, J. A. Smaby, general manager, reported to Midland's 25th anniversary meeting here.

Not only that, Smaby said, but Midland is ready to expand. He predicted the co-op can do two or three times as much business as it did in 1950. "We have only scratched the surface," he added.

Midland started with a rented desk in a rented office in 1926, when local co-op oil firms balked at paying exorbitant profits for gas and oil. Today, Midland owns oil wells in Oklahoma and refineries in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma; farm machinery manufacturing plants in Ohio, Indiana and Minnesota; grain mills in Minnesota and Wisconsin; fertilizer plants in Idaho; and food plants in Indiana.

In 1950, Midland's sales reached \$29,500,000—of which more than 60 per cent was in petroleum products. It is Minnesota's third-largest gas and oil distributor, trailing behind Standard and Socony.

The expansion program will aim at greater sales in seed, feed and fertilizer, and farm implements.

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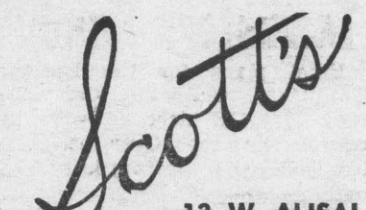
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That Little Octopus Is Good Eating

California's lowly poor cousin to the octopus—the common squid—has become so valuable in the commercial fishing industry that it is now the subject of a thorough study by the Division of Fish and Game.

Since 1863, when Chinese fishermen rowed skiffs about Monterey Bay with a blazing torch at the tow to attract night-time schools of squid, the opalescent mollusk has come into its own as a source of food and fish bait. The search for Loligo Opalescens has become so intense that the Bureau of Marine Fisheries has set up a fellowship study to learn more about the habits of this strange creature.

In a recent issue of the Division's quarterly magazine, "California Fish and Game," biologist W. Gordon Fields of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station presents a preliminary report on the increasingly valuable squid fishery.

New methods of preserving the catch are being developed as new markets become available. For many years this industry remained of minor importance but since 1942 it has become one of the major fisheries of the Monterey Bay area.

Although squid is found from Puget Sound to Lower California, 99 per cent is caught along the California coast and within a few miles of Monterey.

Fields remarks that the 19,000 tons of squid landed at Monterey in 1946 exceeded even the value of the sardine catch in the same region. Recently, demand for the frozen product has increased so that it alone takes up the entire catch.

There is a large investment in canneries, fishing boats and equipment in the Monterey Bay area and a considerable population depends upon the fishing industry for its livelihood. With men and equipment idle half the year and no assurance of adequate returns during the formerly lucrative sardine season, there is a tremendous pressure at present to develop other oceanic crops.

Of these, the squid is potentially one of the most valuable because it appears in huge numbers and because it may be captured and preserved by present methods and with existing equipment.

If the domestic market were to react more favorably to squid as an item on the Friday menu, or if economic conditions should permit export to foreign markets, a greater portion of the capacity of the sardine fishing industry might be turned against the squid. Therefore, Fields believes, protective measures might be needed to maintain the species adequately and yet allow the highest possible annual catch.

To attain these objectives, any regulations adopted would need to be based on full understanding of the biology of the squid. The present study was undertaken to obtain some of this information.

L.A. Businessmen Given Labor View

(State Fed. Release)

Charles Edward Chapel (R., Inglewood), freshman Assemblyman from southern California, recently told the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce that "labor agrees with management" on the necessity of holding down taxes whenever such taxation injures the national economy.

Chapel explained the labor position relative to sales taxes, stating that taxes which "directly hit the consumer are regressive because they consume a larger proportion of small income than they do of a larger income." He added that such taxes burden the wage earner more seriously than they do the highly paid executive.

Management also opposes such taxes, claimed Chapel, but on the basis that "all excessive" and "new" taxes are a "burden on business."

Services Offered To Handicapped

(State Fed. Release)

The State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation last week announced that the U.S. Secretary of Labor has been directed by presidential order to establish area committees across the nation to consider the special problems involved in the employment of the handicapped.

In accord with this national emphasis, handicapped workers wishing to gain employment should contact the local office of the Rehabilitation Bureau, which is under the administration of the State Department of Education.

To date, the Bureau has returned thousands of Californians to employment through the services provided by its various offices throughout the state.

The Bureau's training program includes provisions for physical restoration, training for new employment, and adjusting to and placement in a suitable new occupation.

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Frank A. Fitzgerald, Operating Engineer Secretary, Dies

Washington.—Frank A. Fitzgerald, 66, secretary-treasurer AFL Operating Engineers Union, died March 29 at Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Md. He had suffered a stroke.

A requiem mass was sung for Mr. Fitzgerald in St. John's Church, New Haven, Conn., on April 2, and burial was in that city.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in New York City in 1885 and moved at an early age to New Haven. There he became an apprentice machinist and joined Local 478 of the Operating Engineers in 1911. He was elected to the general board of trustees in 1916 and as fifth vice president in 1931. Later in 1931 he became secretary-treasurer, the post he held until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mazie Fitzgerald, Washington; a brother, John, and sister, Miss Helen Fitzgerald, both of New Haven.

Federation Tells Of Unfair Taxes

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor last week issued its second in a new series of economic analyses of major economic problems facing the American people.

Entitled "Taxing the Worker," the article reviews the tax philosophies of Big Business, the Truman Administration, and organized labor.

Condemning both the universal sales tax advocated by the National Association of Manufacturers and the proposed Truman tax which benefits the wealthy and penalizes the low-income groups, the article declares that "government should secure needed revenues by boosting corporation taxes and excess profits taxes over their present levels."

The article also warned that "in the present atmosphere of frozen wages and climbing prices, the Administration must revise its tax philosophy or else lose the total confidence of the millions of men and women who comprise the working public."

Dock Life Saver

In Southport, England, every union in the city rose in righteous indignation when the City Council docked a municipal worker 54c because he left his job on an ocean-side dock to help save a man from drowning. Union leaders' protests were rejected by the City Council with the argument that "it's a question of discipline." As a result, the unionists started a campaign to collect one penny from every Southport unionist and turn it over to the docked laborer.

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EDITORIALS

Loyalty Oath Evaporates

After having proven itself to be one of the festering sore spots that caused sharp divisions of opinion throughout our state and did our state university a great deal of harm, the so-called loyalty oath met the fate it deserved when it reached our court of appeals only to be declared unconstitutional.

Eighteen university professors who refused to take this oath and were discharged because they took this stand have rendered our state and our university an inestimable service by taking their fight to the courts and winning it. Let us hope this unpleasant matter may be permitted to die where it is. It never deserved the undue attention given it and had it been allowed by our courts to remain in force all kinds of students and professors from all parts of the world would have shunned the California State University because of the bigotry and intolerance exemplified by its adoption and enforcement of such an oath.

This is not the first time that the courts of California have demonstrated themselves to be in the forefront of our many great states as defenders of our state constitution as well as fundamental rights guaranteed to all of us by the United States Constitution. It is gratifying at a time when so many people seem to be easily swayed by unreasoning hysteria to find that our high court judges still see clearly the fundamental principles on which this nation and our own state were founded.

Wreckers Trying Again

At every session of the California Legislature efforts are renewed to destroy or weaken some of the best laws we have. One of these good laws is the Workmen's Compensation Law, and one of the very excellent features of that law is that all employees of political subdivisions of our state are required to be insured with the state's own insurance fund.

What could be more sensible or more reasonable than this requirement? Yet brokers and private insurance companies have their lobbyists in Sacramento working to nullify this provision of our Workmen's Compensation Law. Nor is this all that they have tried to do to this law. They have proposed that the state should be required to do all its insuring through private brokers and that the state fund should not be permitted to have field representatives to visit present or prospective insurers. What it all simmers down to is that these private interests are out to destroy our excellent Workmen's Compensation Law so as to leave themselves free to monopolize the business of accident insurance in this state and to fix rates at whatever they please.

How to treat these unscrupulous would-be destroyers of our State Workmen's Compensation Law has been pointed out by seven of our sister states that require all accident insurance to be carried by the state fund in those states. Since private companies are not satisfied with a fair chance to get what business they can get let them not have any.

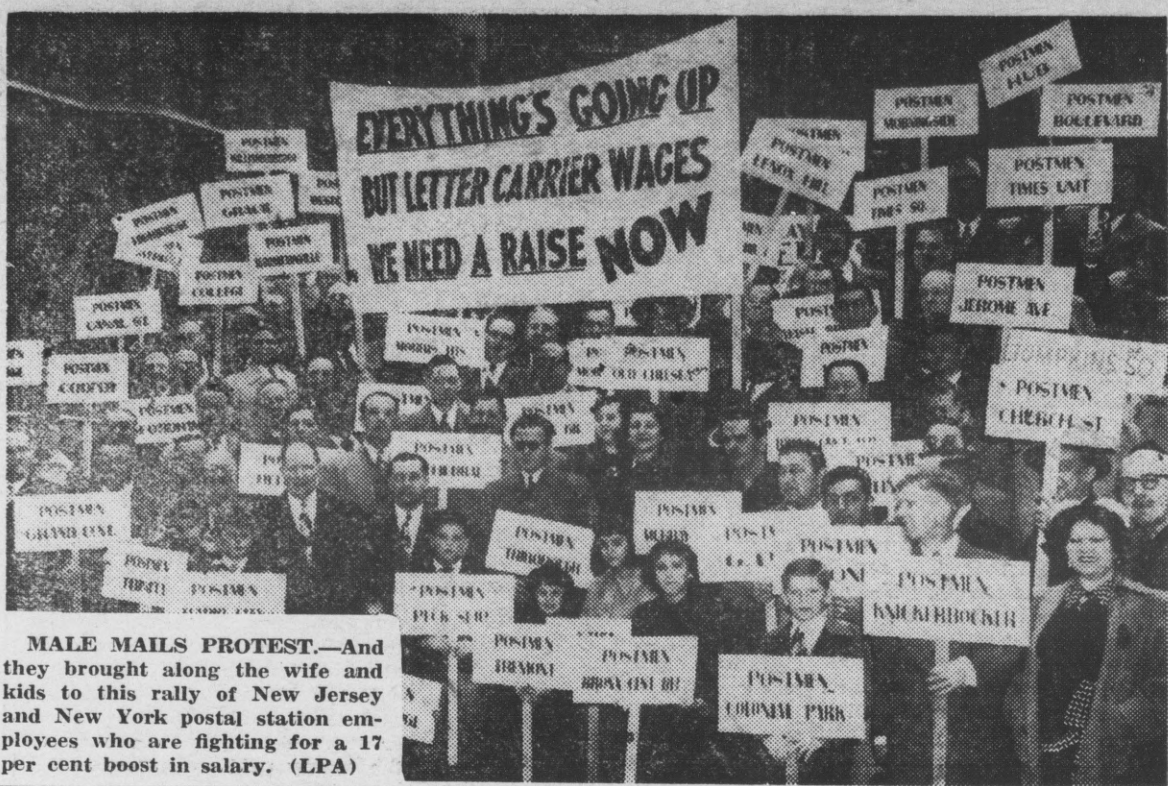
How Far Will Army Be Used?

Now it is Army control of the railroads of today that is being used to pressure railroad workers, who recently were on a strike unauthorized by the railroad unions, into submitting to an order issued by Eric Johnston that the six cents per hour increase in pay, which was to go into effect April 1st under the cost of living increase clause in their contract, is instead to be reduced to a one and one-half cents per hour increase.

Much is being said by our daily newspapers but little or no logical explanation for this unexpected action of our government against the railroad workers who are the ones affected by this drastic and far-reaching order. It simply means that government control and operation of any industry has led to the result that union agreements can be nullified by edicts issued by the wage and price stabilization boards.

In this case it is the Army that is being used as the agency to coerce the railroad workers into submission to this latest order. Naturally the question of what is to come next arises. Where do the workers of the United States really stand today? We are supposed to be helping to wage a war that we are told has for its purpose the freeing of downtrodden people of foreign lands from their oppressors.

Yet here at home our government, through its appointed agencies, is telling us that in our own land the Army rules, that labor has nothing to say, even after conditions and terms have been agreed to.



MALE MAILS PROTEST.—And they brought along the wife and kids to this rally of New Jersey and New York postal station employees who are fighting for a 17 per cent boost in salary. (LPA)

JOKES, Etc.

With the upsurge in employment people are getting more independent. Yes men sometimes gain enough courage to say "Maybe".

Fenderless Frances says, "Many a fluid drive car has a drip at the wheel."

When I asked a business agent why he never took his wife out he replied, "I don't believe in running around with married women."

While his feet were on the ground—his head was up where clouds abound. (Longfellow).

When the gal-friend starts knotting the tie she'll soon be ready to tie the knot.

Married men have found a practical use for old shirts with frayed collars—they wear them.

Found among the classified ads: "ROOM for single man in exchange for light night duties." "PRIVATE ENTRANCE, share bath with one." "NEAR PARK, heated employed lady." "FINE VIEW, for discriminating couple with large bay window."

After the hold up the proprietor of the liquor store quipped, "The first robin of spring."

Phyllis says her dog is a wonderful watch dog. "Why, just last week," she said, "a burglar broke in and the dog watched him steal everything in the house."

Many observers are commenting that labor voted for a new deal but is getting a fast shuffle.

Smart, that gal. She installed a parking meter on her davenport.

Hidden among the classified ads was this gem: "Room and Board, nineteen dollars week."

The engagement before marriage is just to give the gal time to see if she can do better.

My stenographer says, "If I don't get married this spring, I'll start looking for a fall guy."

"Father, what is an empty title?"

"An empty title is your mother's way of calling me the head of the house."

"And do you really mean to say that I am the first girl you've ever kissed?"

"Yes, darling, any skill I may have is inherited."



TURN HER SIDEWAYS.—If you can't figure out what Belle Marcell is doing in the warm Nevada sun, turn the paper and you'll find her stretched out on the diving board at Clark's Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

SCORE: ZERO

(AFL Release)

Washington.—In the month since the last scoreboard on Defense Mobilization failures there have been some changes but none fundamental enough to put the people ahead.

Here's the chart:
Rents.—Loose federal ceilings were extended to June 30. Life Magazine prints picture story on labor charges that soldiers' families are being gouged in uncontrolled areas around training camps. Housing bills stymied in Congress.

Prices.—The New York Times on April 1 reported "prices still were on the rise more than two months after price controls were clamped on the American economy." New Office of Price Stabilization orders mean further rises instead of halting the rise.

Wages.—Still frozen tight. Chaos increases as Army puts into effect escalator clauses which Economic Stabilization Administrator Eric Johnston failed to approve because they pierce the 10 per cent ceiling set by public-industry members of Wage Stabilization Board. Industry blocks reorganization of board by refusing to let it settle disputes. New York Times put the situation this way: "As to prices, the controls are, on the whole, soft. As to wages, the controls are, on the whole, hard."

Taxes.—Because the Treasury made a \$6 billion "mistake" in computing 1951 fiscal taxes, Secretary Snyder now tells Congress a second increase in workers' withholding taxes this year would not be necessary. He asked for prompt action on his original "soak-the-worker" measure.

Manpower.—General Lucius D. Clay, assistant to Defense Mobilization Czar Charles E. Wilson, resigns. Wilson says in his first quarterly report compulsory manpower controls will not be necessary, but he still holds the power granted by President Truman to ask for draft and regimentation of workers.

Oregon AFL Offering Five \$500 Scholarships

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—The Oregon State Federation of Labor has announced the addition of a fifth \$500 college scholarship to its program established several years ago. The new scholarship will be financed by Hoisting and Portable Engineers Local 701. Two others are given by the Federation, one by the Oregon Joint Council of Teamsters, and one by Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers Local 107. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of competitive examinations on labor subjects. There are no restrictions on the college or course the winners may select.

Are you listening to Frank Edwards, AFL radio commentator?

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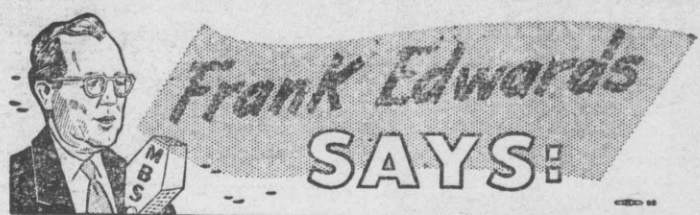
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EXAMPLE: In transportation, fuel and public utilities, one man came from American Telephone and Telegraph, one from an oil drilling firm, one from Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Company.

• Texas . . . Price Control? . . .

Dallas, Texas, gives us a story of one thing wrong with the price control program. The Regional Office, which is supposed to protect the public against high food prices, has as a top official a man in the wholesale-grocery business. And the official whose duty it is to keep down prices in Texas restaurants is a high officer of the Restaurant Owners' Association.

• How Hypocritical Can You Get? . . .

Newspapers here and throughout the country are beating their breasts in righteous indignation at the manner in which Dictator Peron has crushed the Argentine newspaper, La Prensa, because it dared to say what it thought. These defenders of the freedom of the press would be more convincing if their own performance was more consistent.

I refer them to Time Magazine . . . May 5, 1947 . . . page 64 . . . Time Magazine tells the story of the manner in which the businessmen of Valley City, North Dakota, forced the publisher of the Valley City Times-Record out of business . . . although the public voted 470 to 89 in his favor. How many of these great defenders of the right of freedom of speech for Argentina stood up to defend it in the North Dakota case?

• Let the Public See Congress . . .

Republican Representative Jacob Javits has introduced a bill which would permit important sessions of both houses to be televised and broadcast to the nation. This proposal has been made before. Let's hope something comes of it.

However, like all proposals to inform the country on the actions of their representatives, some senators have opposed broadcasting or televising the important sessions of Congress and congressional committees. Said Senator Taft: "I think television interfered with the serious business, even in the committee hearings. The senators are talking to the people, rather than each other, and that makes it difficult to get anything accomplished."

Depends on what you're trying to accomplish, Senator Taft!

Cal. Labor Institute Set for June 10-16

(State Fed. Release)

The fourth annual AFL Labor Institute will be held June 10-16 at the Casa Del Rey Hotel in Santa Cruz, it was announced this week by the University of California.

Jointly sponsored by the University and the California State Federation of Labor, the institute will offer a week of intensive labor training in such spheres as the labor press, collective bargaining procedures under present controls,

Child Labor

We think we have made some progress.

Labor has fought children working for years, and this is 1951.

Some three million boys and girls 14 through 17 years old were at work at some time during 1949. And the number of children only 14 and 15 years old working in April, 1950, was estimated at 663,000, more than twice the number reported as working in April, 1949.

These are among the many facts included in the new Social Work Year Book, 1951, (American Association of Social Workers, 695 pp., well-indexed, \$5). Issued for many years by Russell Sage Foundation and now by the AASW, this handbook follows the main pattern set by the earlier volumes.

Labor standards, public health, social insurance and other topics relating to social conditions are completely summarized, with a bibliography on each subject. A book of such size naturally took many months in preparation.

basic economics, use of statistics, health and welfare plans, state and federal labor legislation, and labor's international role.

The Casa Del Rey Hotel offers excellent recreational facilities, including tennis courts and swimming. Rates are \$9 per day per person for double room, American Plan; \$10 per day per person for single room, American Plan. Children under 12 will be granted a half-price arrangement. Rooms will be available for family accommodations for those wishing to bring their children.

Pending the printing of formal literature, additional information may be obtained by writing to the Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, either at Berkeley or Los Angeles.

Small Business Gets Runaround from Wilson

"While small firms have been left out in the cold, the giant corporations have been sopping up all the gravy in defense subsidies. Already the big companies, such as U.S. Steel, have been granted more than \$2 billion in tax subsidies for defense expansion.

"Yet at the same time applications from small firms and newcomers are gathering dust in government offices . . . The truth is that small business is getting a worse deal than labor from Mobilization Boss Charlie Wilson."—Drew Pearson's Washington Merry-go-Round column, March 18.

Bldg. Trades, Wage Rates

Wage scales of union workers in the construction industry rose 1.8 percent during the last quarter of 1950, slightly more than during the preceding 3 months (1.6 percent), according to a survey of seven major building trades crafts in 85 cities just released by the U. S. Labor Department.

Most common adjustments were either 10 or 12½ cents an hour. Electricians led with increases averaging 6.2 cents; carpenters advanced 5.2 cents; building laborers, 3.7 cents; plasterers 3.2 cents; bricklayers 3.1 cents; painters 2.1 cents, and plumbers 2 cents.

During the year 1950, union scales rose about 7 percent, as compared with 3 percent in 1949, and 10 percent in 1948.

Following are the union wage scales in major western cities, taken from the full list of 85 cities in the survey:

Names of the trades are abbreviated as follows: bricklayers, B; carpenters, C; electricians, E; painters, P; plasterers, Pl; plumbers, Pb, and laborers, L. Those with an asterisk (*) following, represent an increase in rates between Oct. 2, 1950, and Jan. 3, 1951.

Albuquerque: B \$3, C 2.25, E 2.375, P 2, Pl 2.50, Pb 2.75, L 1.35*.

Dallas: B 3.125, C 2.25, E 2.50, P 2.125, Pl 3.125, Pb 2.50, L 1.20.

Denver: B 3, C 2, E 2.50, P 2.125, Pl 3, Pb 2.40, L 1.50.

El Paso: B 2.75*, C 2.25*, E 2.50, P 1.75, Pl 2.25, Pb 2.50, L .95.

Houston: B 2.875, C 2.25*, E, 2.625*, P 2.125, Pl 2.75, Pb 2.50*, L 1.325*.

Kansas City: B 2.65, C 2.20, E 2.55*, P 2.15*, Pl 2.80, Pb 2.575, L 1.625.

Los Angeles: B 2.75, C 2.35*, E 2.625, P 2.38, Pl 3.125, Pb 2.625, L 1.75*.

Oakland: B 3.15*, C 2.375, E 2.60*, P 2.275, Pl 3.167*, Pb 2.625, L 1.65.

Oklahoma City: B 3.50, C 2.20, E 2.50*, P 2, Pl 3, Pb 2.50*, L 1.30.

Phoenix: B 3, C 2.275, E 2.45, P 2.195*, Pl 3, Pb 2.50, L 1.625.

Portland: B3*, C 2.25*, E 2.50*, P 2.25*, Pl 2.75*, Pb 2.50, L 1.75.

Salt Lake: B 2.75, C2*, E 2.30, P2, Pl 2.625*, Pb 2.20, L 1.45.

San Antonio: B 3., C 2.125, E 2.375, P2*, Pl 2.75, Pb 2.50, L .97.

San Diego: B 2.75, C 2.35*, E 2.625, P 2.225, Pl 3.125, Pb 2.625, L 1.75.

San Francisco: B 3.25*, C 2.375, E 2.75*, P 2.275, Pl 3., Pb 2.75*, L 1.65.

Santa Fe: B 3., C 2.25*, E. 2.25, P 2., Pl 2.50, Pb 2.50, L 1.30.

Seattle: B 3., C 2.30*, E 2.50, P 2.30*, Pl 3., Pb 2.75, L 1.90.

Spokane B 3., C 2.20, E 2.50*, P 2.20, Pl 3., Pb 2.50, L 2.

Tulsa: B 3., C 2.25, E 2.50, P 2.150, Pl 3., Pb 2.50, L 1.45.

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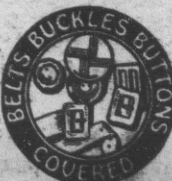
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(AFL Release)

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The rest of the automobile industry is expected to show comparable profits.

Yet the Office of Price Stabilization granted auto manufacturers only a week previous another 3½ per cent increase in prices with the promise of more to come.

The U. S. Government, under its "legalized robbery" price stabilization program, is guaranteeing these huge profits of big business and the corner store retailer while freezing workers' wages so tight they are hopelessly lost in the fight to meet the cost of living.

Only the low-income worker is bearing the brunt of high prices, excessive profits, higher and higher taxes, loose rent controls and unemployment caused by the mismanagement of Defense Mobilization Czar Charles E. Wilson.

Corporation profits in 1950 were 32 per cent over 1949, according to the National City Bank. Totals were \$7.9 billion after taxes against \$6 billion in 1949, according to a tabulation by the bank of 2213 corporation reports.

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PICKETING PRICES.—These women in Aliquippa, Pa., believe in direct action. When prices went too high they hit the picket line to convince others not to buy until prices come down. They are wives of unionists working in a local steel mill. (LPA)

Ask Minimum Pay For Agriculture To Halt 'Wetbacks'

New York. — Gladwin Hill concluded a series of five articles in the New York Times on the use of illegal "wetback" Mexican farm laborers in the Southwest with a suggestion that a federal minimum wage applying to workers in agriculture might help solve the problem.

Hill's articles were based on a year-long 5,000-mile tour of the U. S.-Mexico borderland where 1,000,000 Mexicans annually wade or swim the Rio Grande to work illegally in this country for peonage or slave rates of 15c an hour or less.

Hill discussed possible remedies

to help solve the problem, which he said some sources felt was merely a matter of wage chiseling. He said in part:

"Organized labor in the United States, as expressed in repeated declarations, particularly of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliates, contends that the agitation in the United States since World War II about obtaining alien labor generally has been an oblique effort to undercut American workers, predicated on illusory 'shortages' of domestic labor. These shortages are said to result from a refusal to offer adequate wages.

"This contention is at least partially corroborated by a recent study at the University of Texas, previously cited in these articles, which concluded that the labor needs of certain key farm areas could, with adequate inducements, be filled entirely from within the state. This is contrasted to the present situation in which 'wetbacks' pour in by the hundred thousands, while domestic workers leave the state regularly in similar numbers to seek more adequate wages elsewhere.

"From labor and independent observers of the wetback problem, including educators, economists, sociologists and welfare and church agencies, the suggestion also has come that the wage chiseling that underlies the wetback influx might be obliterated by ap-

plying federal minimum wages to agriculture, at least in cotton, which is a government-subsidized crop around which much of the wetback traffic revolves.

"Farmers have long contended that minimum wages in agriculture are unworkable. But a minimum wage has long been in effect, under an exceptional federal law, for the sugar beet crop."

Profits Should Be Frozen Too, Duff Tells PFL

York, Pa. (LPA)—A call to freeze profits along with wages and prices was sounded by Sen. James H. Duff (R., Pa.) at the 49th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor here.

"If materials are to be allocated, if wages are to be fixed, if prices are to be frozen, the same thing must happen to profits," declared Duff. "The time is here to eliminate all tax loopholes in the tax laws before new and heavier taxes are imposed."

Duff won his nomination for senator last year after a violent split with the state's Republican machine, controlled by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association. The PMA supported Duff in the November election. Labor supported Sen. Francis Myers.

James L. McDevitt, PFL president, presided at the three-day session which closed March 29. He took time to criticize Leo A. Abernathy, president of the Billposters Union (AFL) for urging election of political candidates opposed by the federation.

Delegates passed a resolution urging the legalizing of liquor sales on Sunday in Pennsylvania and another approving higher truck weight limits.

Secretary David Walker, State Department of Labor and Industry, announced a new policy under which mediators for labor disputes would be assigned only upon invitation of the parties concerned.

Railroads Pile Up Profits, Want More

Last January, the 125 big railroads made four times as much money as in January 1949. On March 14, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) said the railroads could charge from two to four per cent more for freight. That's their 10th freight raise since the end of World War II.

On March 23 the railroads announced that they're now going after a 15 per cent increase in freight rates. If their past success on this score is any indication, they'll get it.

Lynwood. — Following a meeting of the city's pastors, churches have been designated for use as shelters, first aid stations and casualty receiving points.

New Food Order Brings Few Cuts

Washington. — Price Stabilization Administrator Michael V. DiSalle put 60 percent of all grocery items under margin controls at retail and wholesale levels, effective April 30, and blandly assured housewives not to look for any big general reductions.

The new system is not a dollars-and-cents ceiling system, as operated in World War II and demanded again by United Labor. Mr. DiSalle said these are still six months away.

If you want to check on whether prices at the corner grocery exceed lawful ceilings—after April 30—ask your grocer whether he is an independent retail store with 1950 sales volume of \$75,000, or between \$75,000 and \$375,000, or a chain store with less than \$375,000, or an independent or chain store with 1950 sales of more than \$375,000.

Once you establish which group he is in, then consult the OPS chart on how much margin mark-up is allowed—usually a different figure for each group. And of course a different figure for almost every item on the shelf.

Remember, these ceilings are not set by the government but by the merchant's own computation on the basis of his own figures.

And the government has nobody to enforce even the ceilings the merchant finally decides are correct.

Any questions?

Big Business Hits Small Fabricators

Small businessmen know what trade unionists mean when they say that big business is running the defense program.

Iron Age, a magazine for the metalworking industry, reported February 21 small metal processors were being hit hard by the defense program.

"Hardest hit, as usual, are the small metal fabricators," Iron Age stated. "They are being starved by material cutbacks. Juicy defense contracts are not being received in quantity. Many of these small fabricators will eventually get defense contracts or subcontracts—if they can hold out that long."

GE Pension and Dividends Give Wilson \$91,000

Defense Czar Charles E. Wilson tells everybody he represents no special interests because he has resigned as the \$300,000-a-year president of the billion-dollar General Electric (GE) Co.

What Wilson doesn't tell are these facts:

1. He receives a pension from GE of \$66,000 a year—for life.
2. He receives \$25,000 a year in dividends from his investments in GE. Total for pension and dividends: \$91,000 a year.
3. "Every cent I have in the world," he told reporters March 27 under questioning, "is in it"—meaning in GE. Incidentally, it was Wilson's first press conference in three months.

Wilson may have quit his GE job, but he sure didn't quit his GE income.

Profits Non-Union

In Schenectady, N. Y., members of the CIO Electrical Workers Union were given a new insight into the anti-labor attitudes of Charles E. Wilson, former General Electric president and now director of defense mobilization. Late in February GE announced the federal law requiring time-and-a-half pay for overtime should be repealed. Five days later GE reported record-breaking profits of \$173,000,000—a jump of 38 per cent over the previous record-breaking profits.

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BARBERS 898—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Bob Harrington; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 7-4149. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 18—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 228 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Winchester; Sec., R. A. Dalton, Res. 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 24314. Bus. Rep., Thomas Eide, office at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Carmel, phone 5-6726; home phone, 2-3022.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Pres., W. E. Booker, Res. 485 Spruce, Pacific Grove, phone 22975. Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, Res. 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 24314. Bus. Rep., Thomas Eide, office at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Carmel, phone 5-6726; home phone, 2-3022.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9293; V. Pres., Geo. Colby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Sec.-Treas., Leo Philigen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 2-4035; Sec.-Treas., Andy Butrica, Res. 452 Hannon St., phone Monterey 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hestey, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary)—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajoy, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 828 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Vreedenburg, Bx. 344, Seaside, ph. 5-5065. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Ask, 230 Montecito Ave., phone 5-5864. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Bolin, Box 892, Monterey phone Monterey 2-5740. Office phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Jose D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Russell Sweetman, Res. 707 Fillmore, phone Monterey 2-5111. Sec. & Bus. Agent, W. J. Zimmerman, Box 1521 Carmel, phone 7-3345. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1932—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Sekols, 701 Ocean View, Pacific Grove; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Agt., Ed Kidder, 807 Elkington Ave., Salinas, ph. Salinas 2-4229.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kibbel, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Pres., Don Thompson, 416 Park, Salinas; V. Pres., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson, Monterey; Sec., Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, ph. 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 811—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 690—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy Burditt, Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

ACCEPT ADVICE OF OLDSTERS, LAUNDRY UNION CHIEF URGES AT S. J. 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By BILL PEDIGO

Younger members in the Organized Labor movement were urged by Sam J. Byers, general president of the International Laundry Workers Union, at a golden anniversary party in San Jose last Saturday night, to "learn from the older members in the movement the hardships they went through to bring about the good conditions of today."

Byers was guest of honor at the dinner and dance of Laundry Workers, Dyers and Cleaners Union 33 of San Jose, speaking briefly to nearly 1000 members and guests, including other international officials and a number of state and local labor leaders and dignitaries.

Hampered by a mal-functioning public address system and a necessarily-delayed start in the speaking program, Byers found himself the sole speaker of the evening and graciously performed the chore with fewer than 100 words, although the had been prepared for a 30-minute address.

"It is a great pleasure to be here and break bread with you," the international president said, "especially to meet the stalwarts in the formation of your fine local union."

"I hope that the younger members will talk to the older members in your union, so that they might learn from the older members in the movement the hardships they went through to bring about the good conditions of today."

"My congratulations to the officers of Local 33 for their splendid organization, and I wish these officers and the union God-speed from now on."

Later, President Byers explained that with the damaged public address system, the noises of the crowd and the lateness of the hour, he had decided not to give his prepared address.

The anniversary party of Local 33 included a dinner served buffet style from 7:30 until nearly 10 p.m. Introduction of a score of guests was delayed until the last of the diners had been served. A variety program of entertainment was presented. Music was by Leo Righetti's Orchestra.

Union President John Douglas served as master of ceremonies, introducing General President Byers, International Vice Presidents Lawrence Palacios, Charles Goldstein and Ray Nickelson; State Council President Floyd Buckalew and State Council Secretary Robert Mathers, Charter Members Carrie Palmer and Peter A. Regan; Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, and officials of Oakland Local 2, San Francisco Local 26, San Mateo Local 143, Los Angeles Local 52, Stockton Local 73, and others.

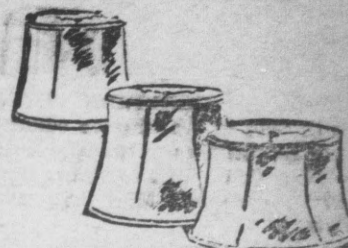
Local 33 was chartered on March 18, 1901, when workers were getting a sum equivalent to \$1.50 per week. Harry Ryan and Frank Hepp are listed as actual organizers. Jack London, the famous novelist, was a leader in organizing efforts. Cleaners and dyers were brought into the union in 1942 after a bitter struggle led by the late Ray Manbeck. In 1946, Local 33 was expanded with the addition of Watsonville laundry workers, now headed by John Picaso. Union Secretary Lola Chantler has worked diligently for more than a decade to lift Local 33 into a prominent place in the San Jose labor movement.

Lafayette.—A basic training course of approximately 40 hours has been instituted for auxiliary firemen. Plans are being developed for continuing the training with an advanced course.

Redlands.—Formation of seven mobile communication teams and command posts to operate emergency communications is being given top CD priority.

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Defense Loses

"With the rejection by the House of Representatives of consideration of the Administration's defense housing bill the national defense program is set back in its effort to assure decent housing and community facilities in areas affected by the development of defense production facilities and military installations..."—The New York Times, March 18.

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Wages Back to 1914

"A factory worker's wage averages \$252 a month (\$83.15 a week). In other words, the worker's present average income will barely maintain the American wage earner's family at a 1914 living standard which didn't include automobiles, electric washing machines, electric refrigerators, radio, television, college education and other mass advantages of the American way of life."—The "Christian Science Monitor," March 24, 1951.

Contrast

Since 1947, the income of the average person living on a farm has gone down 12 per cent, and the income of the average non-farm person has gone up 12 per cent.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported March 23 farmers' average income dropped from \$922 to \$804 between 1947 and 1950. But average income for non-farmers increased from \$1,383 to \$1,546.

Which proves again the high cost of food is due to bigger profits by packers, wholesalers and processors.

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet

Do you know why soap, shaving cream and shampoo cost so much? One reason is that Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. is making so much money. One of the world's largest soap makers; its 1950 profits, after taxes, totaled \$15.7 million—\$4.6 million more than the 1949 figure of \$11.1 million.



TALK WORKER EDUCATION.—Staff of the AFL Workers Education Bureau in Washington confers regularly on making more effective use of its facilities to keep AFL members alert to new developments in the labor field. Left to right: Director John D. Connors; Miss Bess K. Roberts, assistant; Miss Sally Parker, film specialist, and Mrs. Wm. Calvin.

Biggest Temo Road Check

(Teamsters' Release)
One of the most intensive organizing maneuvers in labor history will begin at midnight May 13, when the International Brotherhood of Teamsters embarks on a drive to check the union status of every worker in every one of its jurisdictions.

The 1951 national all-Teamster check will continue on a 24-hour basis until May 18.

Purpose of the campaign is to gather information which will

steer future organizing efforts of the Teamsters' Union. With data obtained during the all-Teamster check, the union expects to find its weakest points and level its organizing guns on those targets.

The first Teamster checking campaign was in 1949, when over-the-road truck drivers were queried by checkers throughout the nation. In 1950, the program was broadened to include "everything that rolls"—all drivers of commercial vehicles.

Dramatic success of those two drives prompted the General Executive Board of the International to adopt the checking campaign as a national policy, and the scope again was extended—this year to cover every phase of Teamster jurisdiction.

Plans for the 1951 all-Teamster check were made at a Chicago policy conference March 27-31, attended by 400 representatives of Teamster Unions from throughout the nation. Executive Vice-President Dave Beck of the International Union presided at the conference.

Crane Co.

Profits of the Crane Co., big manufacturers of plumbing and heating equipment, doubled last year. The company's 1950 profits, after taxes, totaled \$15.8 million contrasted to \$8 million in 1949. And that's after all taxes were paid.

State Fed. Urges Union Action on "Hot Cargo" Bill

(State Fed. Release)
C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL, this week urged all unions and councils in California to contact members of the State Senate Labor Committee relative to SB 1228, the notorious "Hot Cargo" measure which has been set for hearing on Thursday morning, April 26, at the State Capitol.

Introduced by Senator George J. Hatfield (R., Merced-Madera) and politically pushed by the Associated Farmers, the Hatfield bill would deny labor the right to strike, to write free contracts, to picket peacefully, and to publish "unfair" listings.

Members of the seven-man Senate Labor Committee are H. R. Judah (R., Santa Cruz), chairman, Harold T. Johnson (D., Sierra, Nevada and Placer), H. E. Dillinger (D., El Dorado, Amador and Alpine), J. Howard Williams (R., Tulare), Gerald J. O'Gara (D., San Francisco), Fred Weybret (R., Monterey and San Benito), and F. Presley Abshire (R., Sonoma).

Banker-Farmers Aid Legislation Aimed at Unions

(State Fed. Release)
The long reported connection between state "hot cargo" legislation and the Associated Farmers came out in the open with the recent issue of the March edition of the anti-labor organization's monthly bulletin, which operates out of very urban headquarters at 25 California St., San Francisco.

Associated Farmer espousal of the Hatfield and Clarke anti-labor bills is openly admitted in the lead story, which declares that "bills prohibiting 'hot cargo' and secondary boycott practices by unions were being pressed by representatives of the Associated Farmers in the State Legislature."

The Associated Farmers have long been accused of merely representing corporate farm interests, with principal activities being centered in the financial marts. Their farm program is generally at complete variance with the social philosophies sponsored by the State Grange, the National Farmers' Union, and other agricultural bodies representing the American farmer.

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'Trader' Is Now 'The Montereyan'

Name of the Monterey Trader, 19-year-old Monterey weekly newspaper, has been changed to "The Montereyan," Publishers Milus, Henry and Antoinette Gay and Louis Gage announce. There is no change in ownership or policy.

Pipe Foreman's Widow Wins Award for Death

Mrs. Edna Pearl Sullivan of Pacific Grove, widow of Samuel Earl Sullivan, a pipe foreman for California Water and Telephone Co. at Monterey who died of a heart attack after exhaustive work last November 13, has been sent a death award of \$6000, the Industrial Accident Commission announces. The award was signed by Commissioners S. W. Macdonald and Everett A. Corten.

WHOLESALE BUTCHERS PREFER UNION SHOP

Only eight votes were cast against the union shop contract of Butchers Union 506 in the wholesale meat companies of the union's jurisdiction in Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

Union Secretary Earl A. Moorhead said that the industry-wide vote was overwhelmingly for the union shop, as it was two weeks ago to give Local 506 the legal bargaining rights. The elections were conducted by the National Labor Relations Board under provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

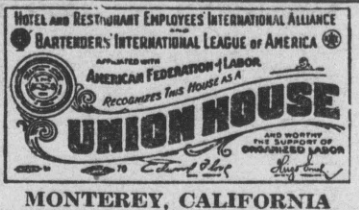
Reynolds Metals

The Reynolds Metals Co. more than doubled its profits, after taxes, over 1949, setting a record earnings year for 1950. It earned \$12.6 million compared with \$5.5 million in 1949.

Labor News

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1951

Local 483 Reports



Several members have reported to the union office that they did not receive a card notifying them of the membership meeting which was held on April 4, 1951 at 8:30 p.m. May I call the attention of the members to the By-Laws of Local 483 with reference to the back of the book where the meeting dates are clearly printed.

We, in the office, will make every effort to see that each and every member receives a card of reminder each month as to the meeting dates. If you do not receive the card, refer to your by-laws.

The City Council of Monterey has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m., the purpose of which is to discuss a petition by the Board of Realtors requesting that rents be decontrolled in Monterey. Local 483 adopted a resolution at the last meeting of the membership to oppose rent decontrol.

Many of our members are now paying rents which tax their resources. We have a problem now of finding low-cost housing for some of the members. Should rents take a spiral upwards many of our members would be hard-pressed. With the vacation season coming on and the influx of tourist trade, we will find it hard to attract workers to the area to fill the seasonal jobs if rents should rise unreasonably. Should it happen, our bosses would suffer along with us.

The boss has the right to expect the union to do everything possible to see that he is supplied with competent workers. Unless we have housing in the low-cost field, we will not be able to attract and hold a sufficient supply of workers.

The members of the City Council should be made aware of your personal sentiment in the above matter, pointing up your rental circumstances. The union will endeavor to justify our side of the

case, and make every effort to keep rent control.

Sister Mary Ballinger was in the office the other day. She is planning a trip to Missouri and Kansas to visit with friends and relatives. A good trip to you, Mary.

Two of our members, Sisters Anne Ambrogio and Medeline Lagomarsino, are taking over the operation of the kitchen and lunch counter at "My Attic," located at 414 Alvarado St. Brother Steve Smario will be at the bar to mix your favorite drink.

The union belongs to the members. Protect your interest. ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

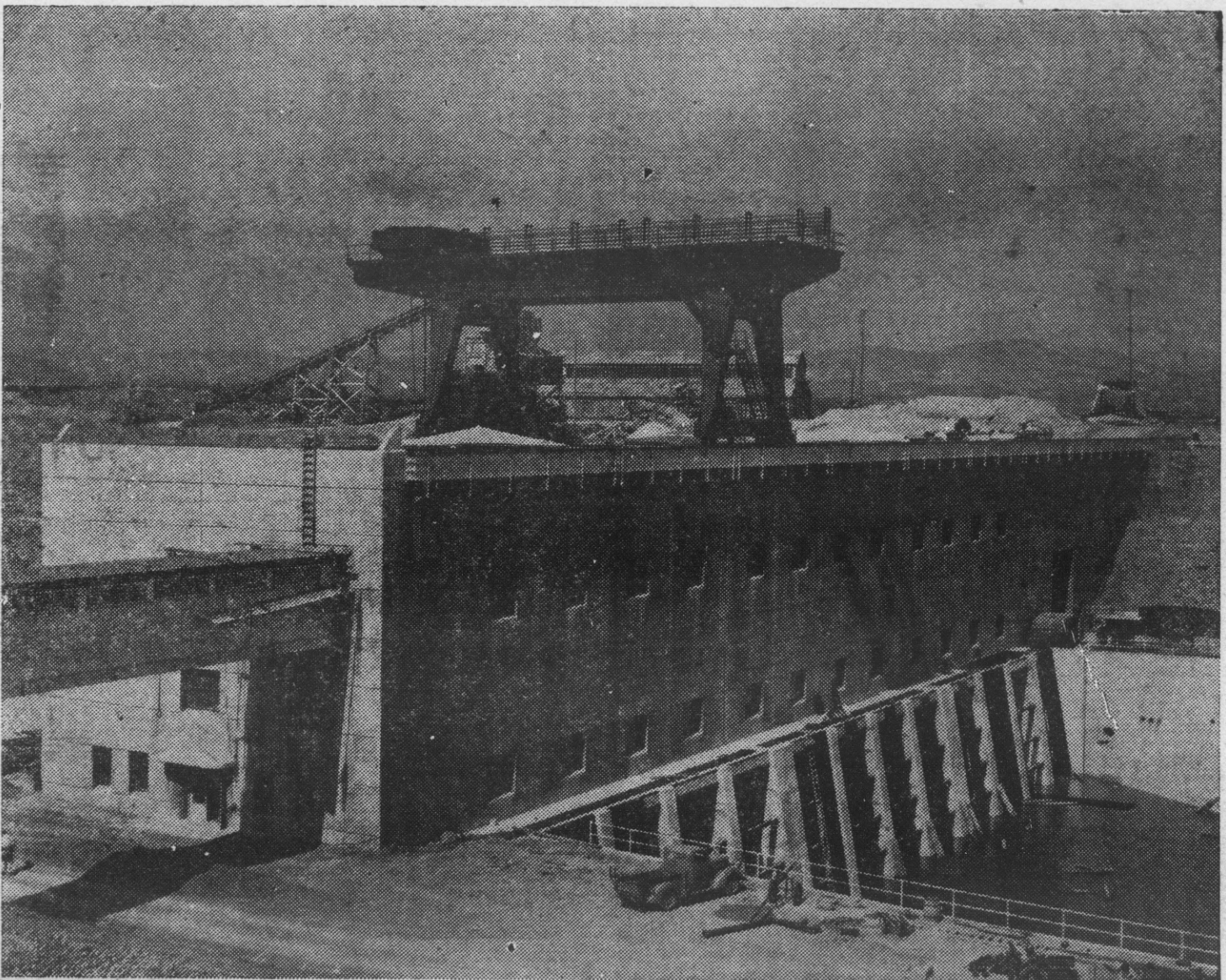
Respectfully submitted,
ROYAL E. HALLMARK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

CONTRACTS READY IN HANDY SIZE FOR BUTCHERS 506

Printing of contracts for several divisions of Butchers Union 506 has been completed and members may ask at the union offices for their copies, which are printed and folded in a handy size to fit into dues books.

The contracts, recently negotiated, are those for the retail, sausage-makers, by-products, slaughterhouse, boners, service sales, and jobbers divisions, it was reported. These are the only contracts printed thus far, officials said.

Are you listening to Frank Edwards, AFL radio commentator?



From this giant pumping plant near Tracy, California, water flows uphill. Six 22,500 horsepower pumps actually lift two million gallons of Sacramento River water per minute a height of 200 feet into the Delta-Mendota Canal and thence into the parched San Joaquin Valley.